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OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS IN SELECTED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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1. FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN LISTS PROVIDED IN REFTEL.
 - A. DELETE FINANCE AND REPLACE WITH BUDGET AND ECONOMICS MINISTRIES. LATTER ARE NOW TWO SEPARATE MINISTRIES CONSISTING OF VARIOUS PARTS OF OLD MINISTRY OF FINANCE.
 - B. DELETE NATIONAL POLICY BOARD (THERE IS NO SUCH ENTITY). PRESUMABLY THIS SHOULD READ NATIONAL POLICE RPT POLICE BOARD. DELETE SWEDISH NATIONAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION.
 - C. DELETE DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (THIS IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ROYAL MINT WHICH IS LISTED SEPARATELY).
 - D. ORGANIZATION ON BOARD OF THE NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION SHOULD READ SIMPLY "NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION."
 - E. CHANGE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARMED FORCES TO "MATERIEL ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARMED FORCES."
 - F. CHANGE NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION TO "NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION."

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2. A COMPLETE LISTING OF GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS AND JOINT STOCK COMPANIES WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND CRITERIA FOR PROCUREMENT AS SET FORTH IN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE OF 1973 IS BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH. THE LIST WAS FURNISHED BY THE SWEDISH NATIONAL AUDIT BUREAU. THE PURCHASING ENTITIES MENTIONED IN REFTEL

ARE THE MAJOR ENTITIES WHICH NORMALLY ACCOUNT FOR THE
OVERWHELMING BULK OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT.

3. THIS EMBASSY HAS AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE PAST
COMMENTED UPON APPARENT NON-DISCRIMINATORY PURCHASING BY
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. LATEST WAS IN STOCKHOLM 1039
REGARDING TESTIMONY ON "BUY AMERICA" BILL.
SO FAR AS OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PERFORMANCE OF
SWEDISH ENTITIES GOES THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY PROCEDURE
IS FOLLOWED BY PURCHASING OFFICIALS AT EVERY LEVEL.
IN OTHER WORDS WE BELIEVE THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS
REASONABLE CONTROL OVER THE SPECIFIC ENTITIES LISTED
ABOVE, AND THAT SUCH CONTROL IS BENEFICIAL AND ALREADY
IN LINE WITH MUCH WHICH WE ARE SEEKING IN GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT CODE.

4. WE HAVE NOT LISTED HERE THE VARIETY OF PUBLICLY
OWNED COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE AB STATSFORETAG (NATIONAL INDUSTRIES)
GROUP (1976 SALES: 9.7 BILLION BRONOR, INVESTMENTS:
1.8 BILLION KRONOR). THESE COMPANIES ARE RUN STRICTLY
AS COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, THUS FALLING OUTSIDE THE
1973 PROCUREMENT CODE. ALTHOUGH THE STANDARD ANSWER
TO QUERIES ABOUT PURCHASING PRACTICES IS "NON-DIS-
CRIMINATION AS TO NATIONAL ORIGIN," WE HAVE NO WAY
OF FOLLOWING UP ON CONTRACTS PUT TO TENDER AND LET BY
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NATIONALITY OF OWNER. CERTAINLY IT WOULD BE HIGHLY
ADVISABLE TO INCLUDE STATSFORETAG ENTITIES UNDER DIS-
CUSSION OF A PROCUREMENT CODE. COMPLETE LISTING OF
COMPANIES FALLING UNDER THE AB STATSFORETAG GROUP
BEING FORWARDED ALONG WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LIST
NOTED ABOVE. TO THIS GROUP WE SHOULD ADD AB SVENSKT
STAHL AND AB SVENSKA VARV (STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING)
WHICH HAVE A LARGE SHARE OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.
AMONG IMPORTANT AB STATSFORETAG COMPANIES ARE LKAB
(IRON ORE), ASSI (FOREST PRODUCTS), UDDCOMB SWEDEN AB
(NUCLEAR POWER), AND BEROL KEMI (CHEMICALS).

5. WE ALSO BELIEVE USG SHOULD INCLUDE IN DELIBERATIONS
THE FOLLOWING JOINT STOCK COMPANIES OVER WHICH THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE WOULD APPLY: THE SYSTEM-
BOLAGET (GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY ON SALE OF WINES
AND LIQUORS), SVERIGES RADIO AB (SWEDISH RADIO
BROADCASTING CORPORATION), AB ATOMENERGI (ATOMIC
ENERGY, INC.), AND APOTEKSBOLAGET (SWEDISH
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY). TO REPEAT, THESE COMPANIES
WOULD NOT BE EXEMPT FROM GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE.
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